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# Weather Forecast for Friday.

Washington, Dec. 9.-For Oklahoma and Indian Territory-Showers followed by clearing and cooler wenther; northerly

Missouri-Light rain, followed by clearing weather; colder; northwesterly

For Kansas-Fair: clearing in eastern

THE SANTA FE'S SOUND POLICY. The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company receives full attention in The Journal this morning. It is a sound position which the management of the company has takeng namely, that the greatest possible welfare of the company can only be reached through the greatest general welfare of the whole country in which its lines are located. So long as the company adheres to this theory, it will surely prosper. When it departs from this theory its troubles will multiply. It is as wise, from a mere mercenary standpoint even, to treat the public well and do all it can to augment its prosperity as it is to take good care of track and machinery The Santa Fe has done great things for Kansas City and surrounding country in

## ning itself in good works hereafter. THE GROWTH OF HOUSERUILDING

the past and shows every sign of outstrip-

From indications in the news columns of the local papers from day to day, it would seem that there is to be a veritable boom in dwelling house building in Kansas City early in the spring. Even now, although the least favorable season, there is extensive building in progress in the residence portions of the city, especially in the suburbs. Present activity and the promises of the near future are only a few of many evidences of the prosperity and growth of Kansas City. This means that the city is filling up and that many of those who have heretofore lived in rented houses are securing homes of their own. There are very few vacant houses in the city at present, and scarcely any vacant that are desirable. In this respect present conditions are in sharp contrast with those of a few years ago, when unoccupied dwellings confronted the spectator on every hand. The tide has turned, good and strong, and the old residents as well as the newcomers are demonstrating their faith in Kansas City as a good place to

# A NEW GAS INSPECTION ORDINANCE

The city gas inspector yesterday made a test of pressure in the basement of the city rive gas bills that the people of this city have been called upon to pay in the last few months. The jet on which the tes was made was supposed to have a normal capacity of five feet per hour, but regis tered nine feet in that time, and at an hour of the day when the pressure is supposed to be lightest. The inspector states that the original mains of the gas company are now inadequate to supply the greatly increased volume except under exceedingly high pressure, and this pressure, while it does not give better light, greatly increases the registration, and consequently the bills. There are also indications that considerable air is pumped into the mains, for even under the high pressure now existing many complaints are made of poor quality and inadequate service.

Inspector McClure has indicated to City Counselor Middlebrook the desirable features of a new ordinance designed to give the inspector power to make tests any where in the city, and to make chemical analyses of the gas at any time he chooses The inspector's powers at present are very limited and wholly insufficient to secure the city against gross impositions on the part of the gas company.

It is to be hoped that this new ordinand will be speedily prepared and quickly passed. The gas company professed a desire to have an inspector appointed, and it should also welcome the fullest possible inspection of its service. But whether the new ordinance is favored by the company or not, the consumers have a right to demand fair treatment from a corporation that has been given exclusive and valuable

SHE BLOWS HER HORN. Kansas does not hide her light under bushel. Perhaps one reason is, all the bushels are in use measuring the state's enormous grain crop. Or, perhaps, Kansas heeds the Scriptural injunction, "Le your light so shine that men, seeing your good works, will come and live with you and invest money," or something of that sort. Anyhow, Kansas is a great advertiser. If she is having hard times, the whole world knows it; she shricks calamity to beat the band. If she is prosperous, she blows her own horn until the echoes resound from ocean to ocean and wake up the drowsy nations beyond.

This is one of the years of big prosperity in Kansas. There are no lugubrious howls or dismal groans from that state-not this year. Kansas is smiling and laughing and guffawing and roaring. Kansas feels good and doesn't care who knows it-or, rather, she wants everybody to know it. Her newspapers are talking it in every issue, Her citizens are writing it in every letter that goes out of the state. Even her Populist bank commissioner is straining his lungs shouting about the fine condition of the banks and the great increase in de-

The state board of agriculture is in the good work up to its neck. Secretary Coburn has been issuing crop bulletins right along for months, and every one of these bulletins was an advertisement. As a sort of cap to the climax, he has just brought out and is circulating a handsome souvenir card giving the amount and value of this year's crops and the total reduction this year of mortgage indebtedness. It is a splendid and striking exhibit and should

e scattered broadcast. All this advertising will bring results. People of the East will marvel at the wonderful showing, and will want to live and invest their money in a state of such vast resources. It pays to advertise, and nobody appreciates this fact more than the enterprising, restless, enthusiastic and aggressive people of Kansas.

WHY SILVER DOES NOT CIRCULATE. The forthcoming report of the comptroller of the treasury will show that

fair season can be resumed next year. of the 454,500,000 standard silver dol-When a statesman is interviewed nowalars now in the country only 53,000,days he is sure to predict that there wil 000 are in actual circulation, while the be a good deal of talk indulged in at the remaining 381,000,000 are lying idle in the present session of congress. This would treasury. The report will show also that be a tolerably safe prediction to make of efforts have been made by the treasury any session of congress. department to get more of this silver out among the people, but without success.

upon any amount of silver coin ordered

from the treasury and offers every possible

inducement to the banks and the people

o get the white dollars into circulation,

but the uniform reply comes from every

part of the country that silver is already

plentiful enough to meet the uses to which

it may be put conveniently. Even in Col-

orado, Nevada and Montana, where the use

of silver for money has gone beyond a pol-

icy and become a sentiment, it is found to

pe impossible to circulate a greater per

capita of silver dollars than in other le

calities. The people there are very willing

that the government should raise the mar

ket price of bullion and thus help their

mines, but they are not willing to show

their faith in works by using the silver dol-

In one of his recent Kansas speeches Mr

W. J. Bryan attempted to explain this an

tipathy to the use of silver. He said that

the policy of the government discredited

the silver dollar and drove the people to

the use of gold; that the gold dollar was a

double value dollar and that everybody

was naturally after it. The weakness o

this explanation becomes very apparent

when it is remembered that gold dollars

are not the dollars the people are "after."

In the commercial transactions of the

country the paper dollar ranks the cold

dollar, and then in turn the paper dollar

is ranked by the credit dollar, which is

represented in checks, drafts and other

oank exchange. More than 90 per cent of

the daily business of the United States is

transacted with this credit dollar. Again,

Mr. Bryan is wrong when he says the

government has discredited the silver dol-

lar. The silver dollar is just as good as

a gold or paper dollar and will pay as

The reason people will not use the silve

dollars beyond a certain limit is precisely

the one that would cause them to reject

copper if copper and silver were the only

money in the country. The people demand

the least cumbersome money to be had.

circulate, and the same inconvenience ap

have weighed the enormous total of 10,000

tons; if in silver, 100 tons, and if in gold,

three tons. As a matter of fact the ship-

ment weighed just sixty-five pounds, as

it was made in paper money. If circum-

stances had been such that the best of all

our forms of circulating medium could

have been employed the transfer might

have been made with a bank draft weigh-

ing less than a quarter of an ounce. It

into extensive circulation, and the only

way, therefore, to accomplish this result

for silver is to strike down all above it.

If silver were the most convenient of all

the moneys it would circulate, but until

that is brought about the treasury de-

partment at Washington might as well

upon the people which they do not want.

ADDING TO THE CRIME CALENDAR

There is more than a passing significance

in the coincidence between the clemency

extended to the trio of self-confessed

housebreakers, the last of whom was sen-

tenced Wednesday afternoon, and the dep-

redations of the footpads Wednesday night

resulting in the death of Emma Schu-

If the police department and the prose-

cuting attorney's office need a convincing

the professional porch climbers, here it is.

The man who has strong criminal propen-

sities finds little in the execution of the

lows in this county to deter him from

crime. It is not strange that some such

criminals should have been especially bold

immediately following the exhibition of

clemency toward three of the most daring

Frequent additions to the crime calendar

of Jackson county may be expected as

long as the laws are so lamely enforced.

While this sort of thing has been going

on for a long time, the people have never

before been so aroused on the subject as

now. There is little hope of reform from

the present officers of the law, but if the

present officials do not do some speedy re-

forming there will be a radical change

when another election gives the people a

HE IS IN OUR MIDST.

We refer to the microbe. When we are

sick, he is getting in his work. When we

are well, he is "laying" for us. Sooner

or later he rises in his might and we are

his meat. Even in the healthiest individ-

uals he often makes his lair and bides his

time. When conditions are favorable he

becomes virulently active. A fit of indi-

gestion may prepare the way for typhoid

fever, and a bad cold or wet feet may

The ordinary microbe is but 1-2500th of an

inch in diameter. In a single drop of cult-

ure fluid the size of a pinhead there may

be 4,000,000 micrococci, with definite char

acteristics. The typhoid bacillus is partic-

ularly difficult to discover, but its apparent

absence from different specimens of water

does not prove that the water contains no

typhoid germs. If there is any uncertainty

about the purity of drinking water, better

boil it. A well boiled microbe, no matter

what his species or antecedents, is as harm-

less as a sucking dove. Your vital organs

can laugh him to scorn without fear of

rousing his vengeance. Eventually the un-

boiled microbe will down us, otherwise we

should live always; but we may ward him

off quite a while-sometimes for a great

many years-by observing scientific pre-

These more or less useful facts are

gleaned from a paper read a few days

since before a Pittsburg medical society

by Dr. George M. Sternberg, surgeon gen-

eral of the United States army.

cautions.

do the same for influenza or consumption.

chance to make a practical protest.

scoundrels of their craft.

macher.

many debts or buy as much goods.

lar in their business affairs.

It is reasonably certain that Hon, Cassius M. Clay will not take any more infants to The government pays the express charges

Kensas avenue.

Taking the whole country over, football got a worse roast this year than the Thanksgiving turkey.

JOURNAL ENTRIES

That Wichita earthquake may merely

have been the reverberation of a Pop quar-

There are premonitions of a gold out

break in Topeka. An Englishman, lately

over, is explaining the rudiments of the

game, and several links have already been

staked out on the boundless steppes of

Mr. Bryan has a winter grip on the Kan-

sas college circuit, and will work it in-

dustriously until the picnic and county

Although General Prosperity is making a very comprehensive tour of the United States, some luckless people are still looking for the key to the situation.

This transmuted money that is said to be better than genuine gold and silver is much harder to get than the real stuff.

John Speer is all right for president of the Kansas State Historical Society, but the trouble with him is that his reminiscences begin before anything was.

The statistics of the Lone Star state will never be complete until they show the deposits of lead in the bodies of defunct Texas editors. Ex-Senator Peffer will be sadly missed

himself than any other man of the pres ent century. Originally the Jews were farmers, but there are very few Reubens among them

from the editorial ranks. He could always

write longer articles without committing

at the present time. Now that Cy Leland has landed in Wash ington, it is expected that the awful pause

in Kansas appointments will soon be Among Judge E. Rockwood Hoar's dislikes was one for Wendell Phillips. It is said that on the day the great orator's remains were borne to the tomb someon met the judge and inquired, "Aren't you

reply, "but I approve of it." It is so intensely cold about Klondike that they have quit counting the dashes on the thermometer, and when a miner tells another to depart for the infernal regions the admonition is accepted as one cf

the cheerful compliments of the season. One John P. St. John is telling the peo ple of Denver that he intends to cast his vote for Bryan for president in 1900. St. John? St. John? Let's see: didn't he run for something a couple of times in Kansas? Come to think of it, didn't be run for a third term?

The inconvenience of the use of silver in A dispatch from Frankfort states that large sums is the real reason why it cannot Miss Bradley, who is to christen the battleship Kentucky, has been presented with plies to gold in a lesser degree. Not long a bottle of whisky, and that she will use The message fails to indicate whether since one of the reorganizing Western railshe will use it before or after the cereroads had occasion to ship \$2,000,000 mony-it is liable to make some difference from New York city to St. Louis. If this in the proceedings. shipment had been made in copper it would

The 10 per cent advance in wages prom ised to the employes of George Gould's railroad seems to have had not only a string, but a good sized rope, attached to it. It transpires that George is a very diffident young man and is not in the habit of making advances.

The toy lamb that graced the desk of Congressman Grosvenor when the house was called to order on Monday was prob ably contributed by some one who thinks there may be a chance for an Ohio man may be laid down as a principle that no to get an office under the present adeffort will ever succeed in forcing the less ministration. The Kansas railroad commissioners are

whiling away their time at the capital in a spirited discussion of agnosticism. The controversy has just reached a point where two of the officials are hurling poetry at each other, with Bill Campbell as referce. Ed Howe is getting out an enlarged edi-

tion of the Atchison corn carnival for give over the task of forcing something 1898. The show will be forwarded to Paris in 1900, accompanied by the husky of ex-Senator Ingalls and a bronze cast of John Seaton's corn crib.

The smart set in Washington is just finding out that when a rich American woman returns from Europe she is upt to bring with her a monarchical exclusiveness that is appalling. In the race for social fame there is something better, after all, than the possession of a bank account and a house with a ballroom in it.

The first assistant postmaster general is going to try rural mail delivery in Indiana argument against their compromise with

on his native Heath, so to speak. Some of the new umbrellas have purse attached for holding car fare. If the purse is located inside the umbrella, there is apt to be a wholesale resignation of conductors before the winter is over. A street car woman with a purse is a universal irritant armed with an umbrella she is a constant menace to life; a combination of the two means a new form of torture for which this poor old world is hardly prepared.

Now that New Jersey has been selected to receive the compliment of a cabinet position, will the state promise to stay Republican?

Albert Griffin's reform paper, the Topeka Independent, has suspended publication, and Griffin is now living off the "unearned increment" which he has so long and vigcrously denounced in other people.

At a charitable fair in Ohio an apron contributed by the wife of Governor Bushnell brought more money than one furnished by Mrs. James A. Garfield. This is hard to account for unless the former was much the finer apron.

When Speaker Reed resumed business this year an admirer placed a beautiful floral gavel on his desk. This is all right to start the proceedings with, but a ittle later in the session his hand will be search ing under the desk for the old pine knot with which he ruled Jerry Simpson las

Prosperity and reciprocity are combined in the following trade announcements: First, the United States government has awarded to a German house a large contract for linen for the navy department, second, the manufacture of linen articles from Oregon flax is soon to be undertaken in Portland by a company of German cap

The Kansas Populists are not having particularly delightful time in running the in the insane asylum, the reform school and the penitentiary; the state board of charities is being talked about, and the insurance department is far from creditable. In addition to these official troubles W. F. Brown, of Pratt, is denouncing Senator Harris in wide open letters; Judg McKay is constantly prodding Jerry Simpson; Walter Costigan is saying some very stinging things about the whole outfit, and altogether, it is a merry war from 'way down low to early breakfast.

Yes, this is likely to be a short session of congress. The sale of liquor has been erchfbited in the senate wing, and even patriots cannot be expected to work long under such inconvenient restrictions. If day of adjournment will be considerably

The report that one of the members o the Kansas railroad board intended to re sign about the 1st of January was undoubtedly started by the railroads in order to stimulate travel to Topeka. The hotels also had a hand in it, and there is abun lant evidence that it was an all round conspiracy.

#### KANSAS TOPICS.

Webb McNall will take notice that the New York Life is still doing business in

The Atchison Globe says Balle Waggener has an unfortunate way of getting sic whenever a banquet is announced. Ed Howe's idea of a thoroughbred is a

man who is willing to get drunk twice the Bill White recently informed the Atchi-

on Globe that he regarded Vic Murdock as about the smartest man in the world.

pile at Lawrence the other day, but he had

a Roman stole for a father, who brought him back and set him to work again. the criminal practice, Gleed, Ware & Gleed and Judge Horton at Topeka refused a fat fee the other day when solicited to

Bent Murdock sticks to it that John J. ngalls made the mistake of his life when he did not become a preacher. The mis-take of Murdock's life was that he did not become a congressman

United States District Judge Foster has sentenced nine men to death during his judicial career and five of them were hanged. Each of the five expressed the belief from the gallows that he would go straight to heaven. It must be consoling to a man to know that he has made so many angels.

"It looks a little funny that Webb Mc-Nall has not 'examined' the New York Life Insurance Company and collected a fat fee from it." says the Gaylord Herald Herald any information that Webb McNall has not "examined" the New York Life?

"I thought," said Professor Bumpercorn as he read in the papers that the state uni versity had just received a fine specimen of cleoptera, "that she was dead and buried long ago. That must be some more of Ed

Comrade David H. Baker died at Hutch inson on Tuesday. He enlisted in the Union army after he was 50 years of age, and served in a regiment side by side with his three sons. The Eagle predicts that, just before cross

ing into Mexico, W. J. Bryan will exchange his 2,400 Wighita dollars for 4,800 free silver dollars. How is this from a sedate old man like

Pap Eckert? He says the Missouri girls can't help being sweet, for they are Mo. An Oklahoma paper declares that Temple

licuston is the greatest defending lawyer in the territory. There are several Okla-homans going around with buckshot in their persons who can testify that he is als a pretty good lawyer on the offensive.

phan county did not suffer by the growth of Populism is not borne out by the records In 1882 Leland was elected county commis sioner by 748 majority; in 1885 it was 545; in 888, 277; in 1891, 146; in 1894, 326, and in 1897 Mr. Leland's nephew took his place with a majority of only 25.

Ex-Representative Benefiel of Montgom ery county, has set a high mark for de feated candidates. He was beaten for the Ceffeyville postoffice by When the news came, Benefiel at once wrote a handsome letter of congratulation to his successful rival, and promised him any assistance he might call for.

T. C. Henry is drawing some Kansas men into his big land scheme in Mexico. Last week Major J. B. McGonigal left Abilene to join Henry in the far South, and it is said others will follow.

For a long time the little town of Oakley us been in the greatest confusion over the ime kept by the local clocks and watches Some of the people kept mountain time and some kept central time. Last week ar agreement was signed by every citizen own-ing a timepiece through which all will keep compromise time. It will be just half way between mountain and central, or half an hour away from each.

"On Sunday," says the Parsons Eclipse "a mover in a prairie schooner passed through this city, going west. He had a small drove of mules and several horses, all loose, following the wagon, and among hom was a beautiful sorrel horse with on the streets noticed that the sorrel seem ed to be overseeing the herd, and would ound them up occasionally. As the caravan reached Central avenue, the sorrel ran ahead and stood in the middle of the street, ooking up and down, as if watching fo danger. After satisfying himself that the vay was clear he rounded up the herd and the caravan started again. Having reached the 'Katy' crossing, the animal again went ahead and, standing in the center of the tracks, looked intently each way. When the herd had partially crossed the track he suddenly pricked up his ears and hurrying to the rear he rushed the herd acros on the run. A train was coming from the south and passed shortly after he had go safely over. He hurried to the next track which branches off several rods from the main line, and seeing a train coming from opposite direction rounded up his herd and waited until it passed. It was a most remarkable performance, witnessed by a large number of people on the streets The horse was evidently a high bred animal, built like a racer, with small ears and very intelligent head. During all this ime the mover did not get out of his wagor but left the management of the whole mat-

ter to the horse." A biography of David J. Brewer, the Kansas member of the United States supreme court, which recently appeared in the Green Bag, speaks of him as being of "very serious nature and not given to quip, jest or smile." It may be possible that the nature of the eminent Kansan has changed since he went upon the supreme bench, but it is no less true that when he was a member of the Kansas upreme court, and later, when he was a United States circuit judge, he was of sappy disposition and made merry when ever the occasion presented itself. We have in mind a sample of Judge Brewer's humorous oratory. In 1887 the Yale Alumni Association of the Southwest gave a hanquet at Edgerton place, Kansas City, Kas., at which Judge Brewer responded to the toast, "The Judiciary." His remarks were in part as follows:

"This is a day of reverence and raniversaries. It is the day of the Yale banquet, and where the Yale boys are gathered is a folly time, and where my host Edgerton is, there is a bountiful time, and where the Simon Cameron-folks gather. there is a full time. It is a day of anniversaries to others as well as you. Queen Victoria has reigned fifty years to-day. It s another anniversary. I have reigned fifty years to-day. The exact time I began to reign was June 20, 1837, and the habit of early rising that I commenced then I have found very advantageous in my labors, and I commend it to all these yourg toll I see so many of them have been do ing to-night I am sure that many of them will not practice it to-morrow morning. But, let me see, what was the toast? Oh, 'The Judiclary.' Well, I ought to know something about that subject, for I was counting up the other day and out of my the other house will only banish ple the fifty years of life twenty-two have been

count one or two years in the semi-judicial capacity of a commissioner, I could count nearly a quarter of a century. I have tried almost every conceivable kind of a case. am the lone successor of Solomon, for I have had to decide between two women who claimed the same baby. I was not so fortunate as he, for, owing to the preju dices of to-day, I could not separate the child and give part to each one. I have tried cases of all kinds and I know the meaning of a 'full bench.' You know the same thing. I belonged to a class in Yale that was a very respectable class. It has given several judges, both to the federal bench and the state bench, and it only de veloped one congressman. He spent but a little while in congress, owing to a difference of opinion between a majority of the

#### tion upon the majesty of the law. MISSOURI POINTS.

voters of his district and himself.

Holt county is doing something in the fat cattle line, too, recent reports show-ing that about 30,000 head of choice feeders are being gotten ready there for market.

Judge Brewer then dropped his mirthful

strain and delivered an eloquent perora-

The project for the building of the Rock Island extension from Rushville to Atchison, recently regarded as a sure go, is said to have been ditched somewhere along the line, at least for the time being. The rush of candidates for the circuit

judgeship in the Atchison-Holt-Nodaway

Gentry district is due to the fact that Judge

Anthony has declined to permit the use of his name again in connection with the po sition. The vexing predicament of Preacher Sul-Rev.Mr.Sullens is much worried these days. He has a 6-months-old pig that insists drawing its sustenance in the shape of milk from his cow. The cow meekly submits

to whether he shall muzzle the pig or sell the cow. A \$25,000 deal for a herd of Henry county fat cattle was closed in Clinton a day or two ago. The herd was owned by Smith & Gray, and was sold to a Boston firm for export on the hoof to London. It numbered 306 head, with an average weight of 1,650 to 1,700 pounds, and has been pronounced by experts one of the finest herds

and the good minister is much puzzled as

nounced by Calin the United States. Jeff City turns away in grim despair as the breezes waft over from Cameron the echoes of rejoicing there at the assurances that a fine, modern depot is soon to occupy the site of the old shack that was burned not long ago. As Dave Warfield used to say, in his "Gay New York" characteriza

ion of Eisenstein, "Vy don'd you?" The Bethany Tribune gives E. R. Durham, of State Superintendent Kirk's office, a juicy jolly as a possible successful candi ate for the United States marshalship, and adds by way of explanation: "This is said partly to induce Ed to give an old friend he best deputyship at his disposal. That is one of the best reasons ever given for puffing a candidate."

In reply to a letter from a twilight pape n Kansas City asking for the photograph: of six prominent Richmond young of six prominent Richmond young women courteous refusal is returned by the Dem ocrat, of that town, unless the picture de partment of the paper is improved. "Make good cuts," the Richmond editor suggests and we will furnish pictures of six young women as pretty as any old Missouri ha within her borders.

Somebody who has kept tab on the young old chaps recalls the fact that ex-Governor McClurg, when register of the land office at Springfield, could, at the age of nearly four-score years, read by lamplight with out spectacles, and that Judge Samuel Boyd, of Ozark, a veteran of the Florida war, who sat on the Wright county bench forty years ago, can to-day read a news paper with his natural sight.

Goldie, the little deaf and dumb girl, who is the only surviving member of the Win ner family, has been taken to the asylum at Fulton for special training, so that she may be able to make herself understood by the jury when called upon to testify in the case against Lackey for the alleged murder of her mother and sisters, the trial having been put off until February so that the little girl may have the needed instruc

of the enterprising women of Carthage formances of "Louis XIV." and "The Merchant of Venice" with never a man in the cast. Now several of them have organized of their own sex and are digging for zinc outside the city.

The following extract from the Linn Democrat contains a pearl of wisdom in apt association: "The people of Crawford county are excited over the discovery of pearls in the Meramec river. Pearls are sald to have been discovered in the Osage, The certain way to get pearls is in the free exercise of the hands, pulling the strings over a team of mules or slinging a four pound chopping ax."

Jefferson City, according to the boast of the Courier, is entitled to claim the posses sion of the "swellest kid dresser" in the state, in the person of Walter Hill, whose attire is thus scheduled by the chronicler mentioned: "His collar is high and his tie is loud. The trousers he wears are strictly the latest cut, while his feet are encased in a pair of chocolate-colored, bulldog-toe hoes. His overcoat-well, now, that is a corker. It is of the short box style, and oud enough to drown the music of a brass band. Walter is certainly the king of kid

The members of the defunct Carthage branch of the so-called "Derthick Federation" have been called upon by the central organization in Chicago for an additional \$2 contribution each all around, the request being accompanied with a tip that lawsuit for its collection will follow any failure to put up the designated sum. The women thus addressed, who are among e most prominent in Carthage's musical and literary circles, are boiling with wrath over what they consider an impudent and unwarranted demand, and have indited a corching reply, a portion of which is as follows: "We positively refuse to pay your demands. If you consider that you have follows: any basis upon which to claim these mounts from us we would advise you to try and collect, and we will see that all the evidence that is brought out will be properly published for the benefit of other 'Derthick Clubs.' " And the air is full of

A young man with a wolf scalp came to the city yesterday, the St. Joe News says, intending to take it to the county court and claim a reward. He exhibited the scalp to several persons along the street and told how he had killed the wolf by shooting it. He had a story fixed up about low he had killed the wolf in the French bottoms. He was answering questions asked by half a dozen men, when one of them asked him suddenly:

"Do you find many wolves over in Kansas this year?" "Plenty of them where I killed this one." answered the countryman. He saw a sec ond later that he had trapped himself, and he owned up. Under a promise that he would not be exposed, the countryman went back to Doniphan county with the wolf scalp. He might as well have taken

it there in the first place, but lived nearer

this city, and, besides, he needed the \$1.50 bounty. "That man ought to have been allowed o cash that wolf scalp in here," said one of the men who had witnessed the exposure would have spent the money here, and it makes no difference anyhow on which side of the river he found the wolf. It had probably crossed over from this side a short time before he killed it."

with the wolf scalp, intending to tell him o claim the bounty of the county court, but he was gone. It is likely that he knew the county judges of this county are in cono pay cash for wolf scalps, while th commissioners of Doniphan county, who occupy the same position as the county udges here, meet only once a month.

The Bland-North Conviction Stands. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

relating to corrupt practices at elections s set forth in the Bland letters that the case as it stands is absolutely made up against them. The charges are in Judge Bland's own handwriting. They are full and explicit. Not one of them has been met or shaken in the slightest degree. All explanations attempted by the persons involved avoid the letters. The held fast in every word. No one who is smirched dares approach them. Nor can the now confessedly guilty parties think of facing them in court without evident terror. Judge Rombauer, the Republican candidate for judge of the court of apeals, who was jugged out of his just ights at the ballotbox by an illegal dickr among the candidates and state chair men of the Democratic and the Populis parties, deposited \$500 to cover half the eests of a legal investigation of the case He invited Judge Bland, who is one of the candidates for vindication, to furnish the other half. The investigation could not berefit Rombauer. He would not accept the place if vacated. No charge restr against him. He was the victim of a po itical outrage. As a matter of abstract justice, he offered to pay half the costs of an investigation. Those who wronged him and violated the law made no response They fear the legal searchlight. The rewould be the reverse of vindication, and they know it. So the Bland letters loom up, unchal-

lenged, unanswered and unanswerable Their authorship and correct text are not disputed. They are the verdict in the cas and those whom they fix in the pillory are afraid to seek a milder verdict or atempt to question the proof. The Bland ctters, quoted in the Globe-Democrat of November 9, last, are eight in number, The first is dated August 22, 1896, and the latest was written nearly three weeks after the presidential election. Let any one read those letters and deny, if he can, that they form an absolutely complete chain of evidence. They follow the corrupt deal step by step from its inception to its base consummation. No link is missing. The facts are in their exact sequence. Here is the start, written by Bland August 22, 1896: "When you have the opportunity. I wish you would see the nominee for court of appeals and find out his inclination as to withdrawing and what his purposes are in the race." In the course of a few weeks the withdrawal was negotiated, and the Populist who withdrew is now an officer of the court of appeals by appointment of Judges Bland and Bond.

To effect the withdrawal Bland states in his letters that he paid \$1,000 to Democratic Chairman Cook to be paid to Populist Chairman Rozelle. Bland wrote or "The last \$1,000 was paid because I could not avoid it. Chairman Cook wrote me that before Mr. Rozelle's committee would accept the resignation of Mr. North and substitute my name he had to agree, and did agree, to pay Ro-zelle \$1,000 to help defray the expenses of his (Rozelle's) committee. In fact, I know from Mr. Cook that this proposition had been made before Colonel North resigned. and gave it my assent. After Mr. North's resignation was accepted and my name substituted there was no honorable way of avoiding the payment of the \$1,000. The request from Mr. Cook was for immediate payment to make good his promise to Rozelle." This, then, is the verdict the persons implicated propose to let stand. They turn their backs on the opportunity to scek vindication as they have on the Bland letters. They are self-convicted, with no

#### Sentimentality and Sentiment. From the New York Times (Dem.).

There would have been no faintest inclination in any part of the country to cripiin Canton instead of returning to Washington and performing the duties of his office n connection with the opening of congress. Indeed, the first feeling on the part of alnost everybody on learning of the presi dent's course was probably one of surprise. The circumstances were such as are com monly regarded as absolving men, for the being, from all, or nearly all, obligations not those of a son, and the public ex-pense and inconvenience that would have resulted had the president remained at ome can hardly be said to form one of the recognized exceptions. Despite these which must have passed through Mr. McKinley's mind while he was debating with himself the question of going or staying, he decided to act as reason, not emotion, directed. It was a resolution truly heroic, and no encomiums upon it could be too high. By carrying it out the president has demonstrated, as never before, perhaps, his realization of the true nature of his office, and the utter forgetfulness of self, which its acceptance implied. He has illustrated, too, the difference between sentimentality and sentiment. The former commanded him to forget everything except his own great sorrow; the latter, to view the case as it really was, to leave the place where his presence accomplished nothing for himself, and to go where work was waiting which none others han himself could perform.

#### A New Burglar Trap. From the Chicago Times-Herald.

The other night a bold, bad burglar entered the apartments of Mrs. O'Leary on Wabash avenue with felonious intent and a mmy. A few minutes later Mrs. O'Leary turned him over to a policeman on the corner and ordered him locked up. When the good woman was interviewed by an admiring neighbor concerning her prowess and was asked how she conquered her unwelcome visitor, she replied nonchalantly: "Oh, I

just hugged him." That tells the whole story. What burglar with the least spark of manhood in his composition could resist under such circumstances? How could be think of cape? How could he proceed with his nefarious plans? What could he do but submit gracefully to the inevitable? pologies to Mr. Bulwer, there are times when the hug is mightier than the pen. The up-to-date burglar should also note that if he encounters the former he is quite

The Poem and the Truth A poet wrote an ode sublime; The muse came willing to his beck. The publisher wrote out a check.

Upon the back, forthwith, he traced His literary signature. The man who sold him fuel placed It in the banker's hands, secure. "This is," quoth he, "the proper stuff,
Its worth is undeniable.

Celestial fire is well enough, But coal is more reliable -Washington Star. Bones and Holes.

From the Boston Transcript. Grocer-"You butchers have a soft snap You weigh the bones with the meat and charge meat prices." Butcher-"I don't see as you have any call to talk. When you sell Swiss cheese, don't you weigh the holes and charge

#### Jarred. From the Indianapolis Journal.

The dancer-"My act just brought down the house."

cheese prices for them?"

The serio-comic-"Oh, not that bad, hope. I should not have been surprised to hear that it knocked a little of the plas-The crowd looked around for the man ter loose from the walls."

### IN SNOW-TIME.

How should I choose to wak the world Mine own beloved? When green grass is

stirred By summer breezes, and each leafy tree Shelters the nest of many a singing bird? In time of roses, when the earth doth lie Dressed in a garment of midsummer hues, Beneath a canopy of sapphire sky,

Lulled by a soft wind's song? Let it be distinctly understood by those To walk with thee along a wintry road, those violation of the laws of Missouri

Through flowerless fields, thick-sown with frosty rime. Beside an ice-bound stream, whose water flowed

In voiceless music all the summer-time? n winter dreariness, or summer glee, How should I choose to walk the world

with thee? The time of roses is the time of love, Ah, my dear heart! but winter fires are

And in the lack of sunshine from above We tend more carefully love's sacred light. The path among the roses lieth soft, Sun-kissed and radiant under youthful feet; But on a wintry way true hands more oft Do meet and cling in pressure close and

There is more need of love's supporting Along life's slippery pathway, in its frost;

Against life's cold, when summer flowers are lost.

Let others share thiy life's glad summer But let me walk beside me in its snow.

#### -Anonymous THE SNOWBIRD.

When all the ground with snow is white, The merry snowbird comes, And hops about with great delight

How glad he seems to get to eat A piece of cake or bread' wears no shoes upon his feet,

Nor hat upon his head.

But happiest is he, I know, Because no cage with bars Keeps him from walking on the snow And printing it with stars. -Frank Dempster Sherman

# THE HOMEWARD ROAD.

For the soul that gives is the soul that lives; And bearing another's load Doth lighten your own and shorten the

And brighten the homeward road. -Washington Gladden.

#### OF CURRENT INTEREST.

Near Whitechapel, in one of the poorest and most squalid districts in London, is the Rothschild school, the largest in the world, educating 3,500 children, belonging mostly to the poorest foreign Jews, and having a staff of 100 teachers. It was founded forty-five years ago by a Rothschild of that time, and has always been presided over by one of the family, the present Baron Rothschild now performing that office. Free breakfasts are given each norning to all the children who wish them, no questions being asked. In April of each year, near the Jewish Passover, there is presented to each boy pupil a suit of girl a frock, with some other article of ecstume. In October a second pair of boots or shoes is offered to each one who needs them. Less than 2 per cent of the pupils decline the free meals offered.

The Roston Transcript save that the monument in honor of Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, founder of the homeo pathic system of medicine, projected by the American Institute of Homeopathy in 1892, promises to be one of the noblest and most artistic works of the kind ever profuced in America. It is to be erected in Washington. The accepted design, one of twenty-four submitted, is by an American sculptor, Charles H. Niehaus. It comprises bronze statue of Hahnemann. The statue is complete, also the granite foundation and the whole monumental work should be ready for dedication next spring. Before that time the sum of \$50,000 must be paid in to the committee, the cost of

whole memorial being \$75,000. When Homer Davenport, the famous car-icaturist, was in England some months ago, his ability to lay claim to Oregon nativity served him to good purpose. He was on his way to Mr. Gladstone's country place to get an interview with the Grand Old Man. While journeying thither he meditated inwardly that if he told the sage he was from New York there was great danger of encountering a frigid reception "Then an idea came into my head," said Davenport, "and so when I introduced myself to Mr. Gladstone I told him I had con from Oregon to have a talk with him. It struck him as exceedingly odd that a man see him, and he told me so very pleasantly But it opened up the conversation, and i

An announcement is sent out from New Haven to the effect that Jose Yamaguchi, who has just entered a Yale course, is the first daughter of the mikado's realm to seek an education in one of the great uni-versities of America. This, the Philadel-Phia Press says, is not quite correct. Miss Fuji Sokomoto, of Toklo, Japan, completed a course in the philosophical department of the University of Pennsylvania two years ego. Years before that-thirteen years ago, n fact-Japanese girls were received as students in the female seminary at Bryn Mawr, and as the years have gone by have been graduated therefrom. Those Japanese girls at Bryn Mawr, in reality, were the inspiration of a certain interesting novel, with the title of "Miss Cherry Blossom."

The favorite place in New York for beefsteak dinners is in quarters called the Morgue, on West Fifty-eighth street. It is a big room, rather plain and bare, with its sides made largely of glass, adjoining a liquor store. It has been for years the meeting place of the Beefsteak Club, an organization that seems to have no limit to membership, no purpose and no law. Its furnishments consist of a sheetiron stove and a row of soap boxes. Here glut tons of both sexes meet almost every night and gorge themselves with choice cuts that fairly melt in the mouth.

When Lord Dufferin was viceroy of India he had a "shikarry," or sporting servant, whose special duty it was to attend the visitors at the viceregal court on their shooting excursions. Returning one day from one of these expeditions, the shi karry encountered the viceroy, who, full of courteous solicitude for his guests joyment, asked: "Well, what sort of sport has Lord — had?" "Oh," replied the scrupulously polite Indian, "the young sahib shot divinely, but God was very merciful to the birds."

As a general contradiction to the story hat there are as many saloons open in New York city under the Raines liquor aw as under the old regime, State Commissioner of Excise Lyman shows that while the new law brought to the city treasury over \$1,500,000 more than the old law, there were 1,200 fewer saloons, or a reduction of nearly one-sixth, and their tory, in proportion to population, Still, on to each thirty-six of the population will do.

The French Academy has declined to accept a legacy of 10,000 francs left it recently by one Jules Montariel, the interest of which was to be used for providing prizes for the best chansons. The reason given was that it would be necessary to call it artists from the cafe-chatant for the testing of the chansons submitted, and that altogether it would be an affair unworthy of the dignity of so austere a body.

Joseph P. Elliott, of Evansville, Ind., who 83 years of age, has just been admitted to the bar. He has been for several years a justice of the peace, but had never stud-ied law until he was elected to that office.